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PERSONAL.

Randolph Crippen is in New York city, Emil Schmitt, of Honesdale, is in Scranton, yesterday.

H. H. Hagen, of Meigs & Hagen, is in New York buying a spring stock of goods.

Miss Elizabeth Brown, of Moscow, Pa., has returned home after visiting friends in Plitaston and Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hobbs and family have returned home after a visit with his sister, Mrs. R. Brown, of Moscow, Pa.

M. P. Brandenburger, of Mulberry street, who has been confined to his bed by a severe attack of pneumonia and grip, is recovering slowly.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. John Bone, of Mulberry street, for the marriage of their daughter, Ada May Vermorel, to James P. Barton, of Wilkes-Barre, next Wednesday at 12:30 o'clock in Elm Park church. They will be at home after May 1 at 37 South Main street, Wilkes-Barre.

Announcement is made that W. M. Lathrop, of the Carbonade Leader, has accepted an important editorial position on the Paterson Press, the leading Republican journal of New Jersey and the official organ of Vice-President Hobart and Governor Griggs. The selection of Mr. Lathrop for such a position is a splendid compliment to his worth as a journalist, but it does not surprise his friends. They have been predicting his advancement.

MORAN AGAIN AT HOME.

Admitted to the County Jail Because His Mother Discarded Him.

Owen Moran, the well known West Side man who makes a specialty of starting constables, was again admitted to the county jail yesterday, this time because his mother surrendered Moran's bail for his last crime.

Months ago Moran negotiated with a South Side furniture dealer to do his drumming on commission. Moran took \$50 worth of wash ringers, etc., and never returned them or the money. He was arrested, Mrs. Moran was made out of his bail, now she releases him to jail.

Removal of Office.

Dr. S. P. Longstreet will on April 1 remove his office and residence from 266 to 469 Wyoming avenue.

You Are Invited to Attend Our opening of spring clothing tomorrow, all day and evening. Lauer & Marks, 321 and 323 Lackawanna avenue.

Do You

Have trouble finding shoes for your girls? Let us offer you a suggestion. We put on sale today 100 pairs of Misses' Shoes worth \$1.75, at a price to quickly move them.

\$1.00 A Pair.

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OPENING SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

Bishop John M. Walden, of Cincinnati, O., is Presiding.

THE COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

Met in the Afternoon and Considered the Matters That Were Referred to Them—Pentecostal Services Conducted in the Afternoon by the Bishop—Last Night the Conference Sermon was Delivered by Rev. W. H. Volberg, of Buffalo.

In the German Methodist church on Adams avenue yesterday morning the thirty-second annual eastern conference of the German Methodist Episcopal church began, Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., of Cincinnati, O., presiding. There was a large attendance of ministers of the denomination, the first printed in yesterday's Tribune being satisfactorily correct. After the opening of the conference Bishop Walden addressed the ministers urging them to impress upon their congregations the necessity of taking a deeper interest in the ritual practices. The practices of families attending services together and partaking of the Lord's supper was highly commended. At the conclusion of the bishop's remarks the Lord's supper was observed and the roll of the convention was then prepared.

Rev. Paul Quasthaender, of New York city, who has for twenty-five years been general secretary of the conference, declined a re-election and Rev. W. Gieseler, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was chosen to succeed him. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring secretary, Rev. H. H. Hoek, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Jacob Suter, of New Haven, Conn., were chosen assistants to the general secretary and Rev. W. A. Clark, of Boston, and Rev. John G. Lutz, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., were chosen statistical secretaries.

Committees were appointed by the bishop on missions, church extension, Sunday school, tract, Freedman's Aid, care of education, foreign mission, Sabbath school, temperance. These committees will present their reports on Saturday or Monday. At the suggestion of Rev. D. Buback, of this city, it was decided to hold a closed session at which candidates for admission to the church as those on probation will be examined.

RECEIVING REPORTS.

All of the pastors present made reports of the affairs of their congregations for the year and these were supplemented by a report from Rev. J. C. Doninger, of Brooklyn, N. Y., presiding elder. His report was of a very favorable character. Presiding Elder Rev. J. J. Messner, of Newark, N. J., will present his report this morning.

During the morning session the following elements were introduced by the members of the conference: Rev. J. G. Beckman, presiding elder of the Wyoming district; Rev. G. C. Lyman, Rev. William Edgar, Rev. J. L. Raeb, Rev. W. M. Peck, Rev. J. Underwood, Rev. W. C. Quasthaender, Rev. Jacob Schottel, of the Chestnut Street German Presbyterian church, of West Scranton; Rev. E. J. Schmidt, of the Evangelical church, South Scranton; Rev. E. J. Worden, Rev. Martinus, Rev. W. C. Quasthaender, Rev. Philip Stolman, Rev. Michael.

At the communion service Bishop Walden was assisted by Presiding Elders Messner and Doninger and Rev. Philip Haendiges, of this city; Rev. Paul Quasthaender and Rev. George Able, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

There was no general session of the conference in the afternoon but all of the committees appointed in the morning held meetings. A pentecostal service was conducted by Bishop Walden from 4 until 5 o'clock and at 7:30 the conference sermon was delivered by Rev. H. Vallberg, of Buffalo, N. Y. To Rev. Philip Haendiges, of this city, was assigned the duty of delivering the conference sermon and Rev. Mr. Volberg was named as his substitute. Inasmuch as the conference is being held in Mr. Haendiges' church he waived the privilege of delivering the conference sermon in favor of his substitute. It was delivered last night.

AT TODAY'S SESSION.

At this morning's session of the conference a vote on constitutional questions will be taken. The most important to the general public probably is the one which deals with the right of women to represent churches at the general conference. This question came up at the last general conference and was referred to the several lesser conferences for consideration and action. No constitutional change can be made until three-fourths of the conferences favor it and it must also receive a two-thirds vote in the general conference.

Another question referred from the general conference for consideration is whether or not there shall be as many of the laity as of ministers at the general conference. According to the rules as they exist now only two lay delegates are allowed from each conference and one minister for every forty-five in the conference.

Presiding Elder J. J. Messner, of New York, has served six years as presiding elder of New York district, and cannot be re-elected. His successor will be chosen at this conference.

A Suitable Wedding.

Invitations should be printed or engraved in the most careful and artistic manner. Nothing is criticized so sharply by one's friends as an invitation which is not neat and elegant. Depend on us to do the best kind of work at the most reasonable prices. The Scranton Tribune job printing department.

Tomorrow.

Day and evening opening of spring styles in clothing and furnishings. Lauer & Marks.

To the Ladies.

Grand military opening at Jenkins & Morris' today and tomorrow, 466 Spruce street.

IN MISSOURI AT THE ACADEMY.

Produced Before a Fair-Sized Audience Last Night.

"In Mizoura" a play in which Nat Goodwin appeared for some time with much success, was given last night at the Academy of Music before a fair-sized audience. It is a story of rural life in Missouri and is from the pen of Augustus Thomas. The playwright has sketched a number of characters in a life-like way and surrounded them with the scenes incident to the homely, rugged lives they lead. In this bucolic community comes a general train robber whose presence furnishes the dramatic features of the drama. The company that produced it last night could have been improved up-

on, but on the whole gave a very satisfactory production of the drama. Closed at 7:30 in Hall, at 10 o'clock the show; P. C. Hamilton as Joe Vernon, the blacksmith and J. C. Norton as Dave, Joe Vernon's apprentice, sustained their roles most acceptably.

CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

James Ford and P. J. Conway, Are Sought After.

Warrants were issued yesterday from the office of Alderman Fuller for the arrest of James Ford and P. J. Conway, of Old Forge, at the instance of James Dougherty, of the same place. Perjury is the charge.

Mr. Dougherty asserts that the defendants swore to untruths before Justice of the Peace Reese, of Old Forge. The case grew out of an arrest for selling liquor to minors. Ford, it is alleged, swore he was in the employ of Dougherty, and Conway is also charged with testifying to things false. The men will be arrested.

TWO FIRE COMPANIES.

Hill Portion of the City Is to Be Given Better Protection Against the Fire Fiend.

Two fire companies were formally organized in the central city last evening and the avowed mission of each is to establish itself on the "hill" so that better service can be given in case of fire. One company was organized in the rooms of the Central Republican club and there were present at the meeting last night A. L. Siesel, Mox Minich, Fred Luther, George Mann, Peter Nolan, Charles Raub, Martin Conroy, Thomas J. Lafferty, Alex. Coslett, James Laughlin, Thomas White, David Cawley, Robert Jiang, Henry Riefenberg, Frank Riefenberg, Robert Riefenberg, Harry Young, Will H. Kaufman, Edward Coslett, William Phillips, Edward Williams, Edward Burdard, Charles Kingsbury, Sidney Hallstead and R. R. Weisenfeld.

Sammel Stevens was elected temporary chairman and Henry Riefenberg secretary. Robert Jiang, Charles Kingsbury and Sidney Hallstead were appointed as trustees for the new company. It was decided to hold the next meeting next Thursday evening in the same place. Frank Spencer, the coal operator, has promised the gift of a team of horses as soon as the company is fully organized. Mr. Spencer in making the promise added the remark "and you will be ashamed of them either." This generosity was much talked of last night at the meeting.

Another company was organized in the office of Mayor Bailey. There were present over a dozen young men, Jacob D. Klefer was elected temporary president and George A. Millett secretary. It was suggested by R. J. Beamsish that a stock company be formed and that the company control over 50 per cent of the stock. The following were appointed a committee to offer stock to the residents of the "hill" and collect money for the maintenance of the company: E. Ward, R. J. Beamsish, P. W. Edwards, W. C. Lyman, George A. Millett, William Hitchcock, P. W. Fleitz, Guy E. Stevens, George W. Parrott, W. E. Decker, Douglas Hawby and J. D. Koller. A committee on by-laws was appointed as follows: P. H. Yahr, R. J. Beamsish and P. W. Edwards. The next meeting will be held at the mayor's office next Thursday night.

ON THE DEATH OF DR. IVES.

Lackawanna County Medical Society Adopts Resolutions.

At the last meeting of the Lackawanna County Medical society resolutions on the death of the late Dr. W. W. Ives were unanimously passed. The resolutions are:

Inasmuch as the hand of death has been laid upon Dr. W. W. Ives, who for many years has been a faithful member of the Lackawanna County Medical society, we as members of this society, express our appreciation of his upright, noble life.

In his relation to the many families that looked to him for counsel and advice in the hour of sickness and in the hour of death, he was ever ready to give his services, his time, his money, his strength, his life. His whole professional life was governed by that broad code of medical ethics that is the ideal of every broad and noble mind.

We most sincerely desire to express our appreciation of his character, our deep sense of loss at his death, and our deepest sympathies for his sorrowing family. (Signed) Dr. A. A. Capwell, Dr. W. G. Fulton, Dr. L. S. Latta, Committee.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.

The Scranton Savings bank yesterday caused an execution to issue against John Lierwahn and his executor, Joseph H. Klein, for \$2,323.34. Lierwahn is at Hill-side home.

On motion of Attorney Horace E. Hand court yesterday directed judgment by default for the plaintiff in the case of the Star Advertising company against the Western New York Preserving and Manufacturing company.

Dr. H. D. Gardner yesterday took out a taxidermist's license in Prof. Henry Proctor's office, which gives him the privilege of killing birds out of season. This is the third such license taken out in the county. Drs. Everhart and Alexander being the possessors of the other two.

SOUGHT REFUGE IN AN OBSCURE CLAUSE

Insurance Company Fighting Dominico's \$750 Claim.

FAMOUS CONNY CASE IS CALLED

The Suit Growing Out of the Opening and Grading of Robinson Street in 1887 Once More Before the Courts. In Both the Foregoing Cases the Failure to Thoroughly Understand a Contract Is the Cause of Litigation.

Before Judge Archbald in common pleas court, Paul Dominico yesterday began his third effort to secure from the Iron City Mutual Fire Insurance company, of Pittsburg, \$750 insurance money on a house of his which burned down in 1893.

The house was situated near the Continental and was purchased by Dominico from Mrs. Mary Tyrill in 1891 for \$750. He furnished it and had the place insured for \$750 with the defendant company, which was represented by Michael Reilly, of State Hill. A year after the policy was issued the house was destroyed by fire and Dominico made demand for his insurance.

Whether it was that the company's adjusters surmised that Dominico had moved out his furniture and burned down his house, which with the lot cost \$750, in order to collect the \$750 insurance that was on it is not known, but at all events the company refused payment, taking refuge behind a clause in the policy which says the insurance shall be null if there is a stove-pipe projecting through the floors, sides or roof of a house.

There was a stove-pipe projecting through the floor of the Dominico house, the plaintiff admits, but it is contended that the company's agent saw it there when he was making out the policy and further that the fire was not caused by this stove-pipe.

CASE TRIED TWICE.

The case was tried twice before. Arbitrators gave \$250 damages to the plaintiff for the full amount. An appeal jury rendered judgment for \$750 to the plaintiff. The company secured a new trial on some technical flaw in the trial process and now it is up for its third trial. C. J. Singer appears for the plaintiff and M. G. Martin for the defense.

The case of Mary Johnson and others against Dr. C. J. Willard and others was given to the jury at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Shortly after dinner a verdict of \$133 for the plaintiff was returned.

A jury was called in the ancient and revered case of John Conny against the city of Scranton and it will be called for trial this morning. Conny claims \$5,000 damages, alleging that the city injured him to that extent by violation of a contract.

Conny was awarded the contract for grading Robinson street, when that thoroughfare was opened in 1887. He was to receive 20 cents a yard for cutting and filling and as the contract read "for tearing down or removing all houses and wooden obstructions on said street, the contractor shall have the use of the material so torn down and moved."

WHERE SIX HOUSES.

There were six houses wholly or partly on the line of the street. Conny supposed he was to get them as part of his contract and purchased a lot abutting on the street on which to move such of the buildings as were worth preserving. In order, however, to lessen the damages that the city would have to pay, the city authorities gave the owners of the condemned land permission to move their houses. This they took advantage of and as a consequence Mr. Conny was deprived of their use and benefit.

The most valuable house of the lot, possibly the only one of any extensive value, was a three-story frame tenement owned by W. H. Haggett. One corner of this building only jutted over the street line and even had the contractor been allowed to have his interpretation of the contract he would have been entitled merely to so much of the building as projected on the street. Mr. Haggett moved the building around so that the projecting corner cleared the street and made a tenable building out of it, from which he derives a nice rental.

The city evidently felt that Mr. Conny was not fairly treated as it offered to settle with him for \$1,000. He scorned the offer and went into court. The case will no doubt be watched with much interest. O'Brien & Kelly represent Mr. Conny and City Solicitor Torrey will look after the city's side of it.

WIFE BEATER FINED \$3.

Brutally Abused His Better Half Early Yesterday Morning.

The cries of a woman in distress attracted Patrolman John D. Thomas to a house in Raymond court near Centre street at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, where he found a colored man named William Jones brutally beating his wife whose person gave evidence of very severe usage.

Jones was taken to the station house where he spent the night and yesterday morning in police court he secured his release by paying a \$5 fine.

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April Showers

Don't seem to stop the buyers here. The store with the electric lights going seems just as lively and busy. Today's offerings will coax you.

Our leather goods department is just what we expected—busy. No store in the city can meet our prices. New things today. Here's one special: Monkey skin boots, leather lined, silver mounted, 48c. First Floor Center.

Watch Guards Long silk guards, mounted with sterling silver at about the price of plated. Only a few dozen. Now's the time, 25c. Jewelry Department.

Writing Paper In arranging some stock we found a lot of really fine linen and bond paper, 25 sheets paper, 25 envelopes, today 15c. Boxes soiled, that's why. Center aisle.

Alarm Clocks Get up clocks that forget their business we don't sell. We keep and sell the two best kinds made. A good one, 75c. The best made, one dollar.

Clock Sale Our clock man knows how to buy and marks to sell. We are selling a lot of 8-day clocks for \$2.48. Clock Department.

Picture Event Getting ready for our third annual picture sale. Moulding remnants have been cut into frames for weeks back. Now the pictures are being put in. The prices will be phenomenal, and as this is fixing up time we shall expect you all to take advantage. Announcement later.

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